WE NEVER LEARN

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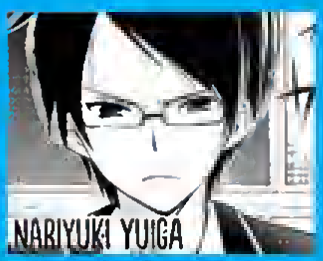
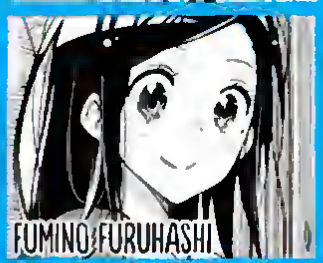
Nariyuki Yuiga is a self-professed super student. He's not naturally gifted in the sciences or arts like his classmates Rizu and Fumino, but he does have pluck and persistence! He's such a good student that he finally realizes his dream of obtaining a scholarship to college, which is a great relief since his family is dirt-poor! But there's a catch...

PREVIOUSLY IN *WE NEVER LEARN*:

Nariyuki desperately wants to obtain a college scholarship to improve the quality of his life, especially since his father has died and left the family destitute. And much to Nariyuki's joy and surprise, he finds out from the school principal that he has earned that scholarship, but under one condition... Nariyuki must tutor science whiz Rizu and the literary genius Fumino to help them also get into college, which should be a breeze since they're geniuses. However, he quickly finds the opposite to be true, since Rizu wants to study literature and Fumino science! Making matters worse, those two geniuses suck at everything other than their field of specialty! But that's not all—now he has to tutor super athlete Uruka in English, which presents quite the problem since Uruka hates studying more than anything. To make matters worse, Yuiga accidentally learns that Uruka has a crush on him!





I KNOW WHO TAKEMOTO SENPAI'S CRUSH IS!
IT'S...
...YUIGA SENPAI!
TEE-HEE! I KNEW IT!
WELL, SEEMS LIKE SHE'S OKAY. THAT'S A RELIEF!
GUESS SHE'LL SLEEP AWHILE. WE MIGHT AS WELL GO TO PRACTICE.
OKAY!
BA-DMP
BA-DMP
BA-DMP
BA-DMP
BA-DMP
SHE...
KCHAM

Question 26: Sometimes a Genius's Every Action Is at the Mercy of X

I COULD HARDLY STUDY.
SIGH...
FOR TWO DAYS, I HARDLY SLEPT.
WHAT'S COME OVER ME?
I WAS SO WORRIED LAST WEEKEND WHEN URUKA FAINTED...
GLAD SHE RECOVERED SO QUICK!
We can celebrate her recovery with udon!
NOD
Yikes...
GUH...
English
WHAT'S UP, YUIGA?
You seem kinda distracted.
JOLT
OH, NOTHING!
NOTHING'S UP!

ばーん
BAM
G'MORNING, EVERYONE!!
OH, HEY, URUKA! GOOD MORNING!
ピトッ
SNOOP
G'MORNING, NARI-YUKI!
ARE YOU ALL BETTER NOW?
YEAH! I RESTED UP ALL DAY YESTERDAY AND I'M TOTALLY FINE!
Want some udon?
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HA HA HA
SORRY ABOUT WORRYING YOU GUYS ON SATURDAY!
GOOD MORNING!
OH, HEY! IT'S YOU, TAKE-MOTO!
YIKES! NARI-YUKI! YOUR NOSE IS BLEEDING!!
NOSH
ブシッ
BLEED
みゃし…
BONK

I KNOW WHO TAKEMOTO SENPAI'S CRUSH IS!
IT'S YUIGA SENPAI!
HAH!
MUST BE A MISUNDERSTANDING!
I'M GETTING ALL FLUSTERED OVER SOME BASELESS RUMOR!
SNOOT
HNRF?!
HERE, TISSUES!
YOU KLUTZ, NARIYUKI!
TWIST TWIST
?
BLUSH

LIBRARY
PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER, NARIYUKI!
WE HAVE EXAMS TO PREP FOR! I CAN'T LET MYSELF GET DISTRACTED!
GAH!
SKRIT
SKRIT SKRIT
HEY, NARI-YUKI...
WHAT DOES "TO BE CONSCIOUS OF" MEAN?
IS IT LIKE ISHIKI-SURU IN JAPANESE?
BUBA

KRAKLE
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KRAKLE
GOOD JOB, TAKE-MOTO ...
OH... UH... YEAH.
YAY!!
ALL SHE DID WAS TOUCH MY ARM...
THIS NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE!!
BAM BAM
BAM BAM BAM
DRIPPA DRIPPA
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
HUH?
NARI-YUKI? DID YOU HEAR ME?
!
COULD YOU WALK URUKA HOME TONIGHT?
HEY, YUIGA?
BETTER HEAD HOME EARLY TONIGHT...
OKAY...
NOD
...AND STUDY THERE.

I THINK YOU SHOULD WALK HER HOME!
URUKA FAINTED THE OTHER DAY...
This is your fourth female-psychology homework assignment.
SURE... THAT'S PROBABLY A GOOD IDEA..

OH...
IT'S NO TROUBLE.
GEE... SORRY TO TROUBLE YOU LIKE THIS...

...

YEAH, WELL, IT'S JULY.
ALMOST TIME FOR FINALS. WE'LL HAFTA WORK HARD.
Ha ha
Phew, hot!
FAN
FAN
SURE IS HOT, EVEN AT THIS HOUR!
WISH I COULD JUST LIVE IN THE POOL ALL THE TIME!

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THE OTHER DAY, WHEN I GOT LIGHT-HEADED IN THE HALL...
THANKS FOR HELPING ME.
HEY...
ALL I DID WAS TAKE YOU TO THE NURSE'S OFFICE.
NO BIGGIE.
YEAH, BUT...
I REALLY APPRE-CIATED IT.
SO...
COULD I...
...DO SOME-THING TO PAY YOU BACK?
HUH?
WHAA-AT?!

BA
BAM
HOTEL
YUMMY RAMEN
WOW...
THANK YOU, TAKE-MOTO...
Just a token of my gratitude!
IT'S MY TREAT! ♪
GO ON, EAT UP!
MM!
SLRP SLRP
SNIFFLE
I'M SO SORRY, TAKE-MOTO...
I'M SUCH A SLIMEBAG FOR EVEN IMAGINING YOU MEANT...
BUT I RECOM-MEND THE SALTED PORK NOODLES!
I OFTEN COME HERE WITH UMICCHI AND KAWACCHI ...
Bon appétit!
I KNOW, RIGHT?!
SLRRRP
THIS IS DELICIOUS!
SLRRRRRP

IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE I'VE HAD REAL RAMEN...
Bliss!
This is delicious!
GEE, THIS IS SUCH A RELIEF!
AND WE'RE IN A RAMEN SHOP... NOW MY MIND WON'T GO WEIRD PLACES!
HUFF...
HUFF...
SLURRP
MM!
MM!
GLUG GLUG
I'M TOTALLY SWEATING!
TEE HEE HEE ...

BLUSH
カーーーっ
...RAMEN COULD BE SO SEXY...
I NEVER REALIZED...
WOW... I'M STUFFED!
COULDN'T EAT ANOTHER BITE!
WELL, YEAH! YOU GOT FOUR SERVINGS OF EXTRA NOODLES!
Y'KNOW ...
...THERE SURE ARE A LOT OF COUPLES AROUND HERE.

OF COURSE NOT!
UNTIL EXAMS ARE DONE, THERE'S NO ROOM IN MY LIFE FOR THAT!
...DO YOU HAVE A SPECIAL SOME-ONE?
HEY, NARI-YUKI...
WELL ...
...THE RAMEN SHOP WAS RIGHT NEXT TO A LOVE HOTEL...
...
ぱさっ
SIGH

OH...

ドキ
BA-DMP

RIGHT, OF COURSE.
YEAH.
TAK TAK
YEP...
TOTALLY.

TAKE-MOTO...

海鮮丼
魚
IS THE GUY YOU LIKE...
...ME?
SMAK
HUH ?!
WHAT DID...
BUZZ BUZZ
...I JUST ASK?

WHAT A QUESTION!!
OF COURSE NOT!
ZING
C'MON, LET'S HEAD HOME, NARIYUKI!
!
I WANT TO CRAWL UNDER THE COVERS OF MY FUTON AND GO FETAL!
OH, MAN! I'M SO EMBARRASSED!
THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT !!
RIGHT, OF COURSE !!
I WAS WRONG !!
Bwa ha ha!
I FIGURED AS MUCH!

AT LEAST I CLEARED UP THE QUESTION THAT WAS MAKING ME CRAZY.
NOW I CAN QUIT IMAGINING WEIRD STUFF..
...AND FOCUS ON EXAMS...
WELL...
HER CRUSH, I MEAN ...
I WONDER WHO IT IS..
BUT ...
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*SIGN: TAKEMOTO

PHEW...
WHY DID I DENY IT?
I'M SO STUPID...

UNTIL EXAMS ARE DONE...
...THERE'S NO ROOM IN MY LIFE FOR THAT!
THE LAST THING I WANT TO DO...
...IS GET IN THE WAY OF NARI-YUKI'S DREAMS ...

TO BE CONTINUED...